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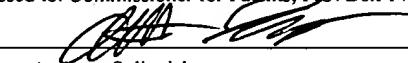
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Lori J. LEHMAN, et al

Serial No.: 09/966,982

Filing Date: September 27, 2001

For: NOVEL STRAIN OF STREPTOMYCES  
FOR CONTROLLING PLANT  
DISEASES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002 (Paper No. 10) for which a response was due on January 17, 2003 and for which a 4 month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from January 17, 2003 to May 17, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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